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TRAINING FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT UNDER SGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that training imparted for skill development by the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is not up to the mark;

(b) if so, the deficiencies observed in the training; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the training programme?

Answer

(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) & (b) Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) lays emphasis on skill development of Swarozgaries through well − designed training courses. Ordinarily 10% of the allocation under SGSY should be spent on training of swarozgaries. The Ministry of Rural Development regularly conducts evaluation studies and monitors the physical and financial progress under SGSY through various monitoring mechanisms. Some of the evaluation studies have reported deficiencies in the training programmes under SGSY such as the need to redesign the training modules to impart social skills that include communication, leadership, decision-making, conflict resolution, gender and social issues etc. Whenever such deficiencies are noticed, immediate remedial action is taken by the Ministry of Rural Development.

(c) The State Governments have been advised to issue necessary instructions to the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) to undertake skill upgradation training under the training component of SGSY. The objective of this training should be skill upgradation with view to ensure self − employment in the activities identified by the DRDAs as potential areas in the district. Revised Training Modules have been prepared to impart proper skill upgradation of the Swarozgaries.